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DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS CERTIFICATION FOR THE GARRETT RANCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, CITY OF HEMET (FILE NUMBER: 332007-17)

Dear Mr. Potts:

On April 12, 2007, we received an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification (Certification) for the Garrett Ranch development project in the City of Hemet. Your application was deemed complete on May 12, 2007. Regional Board staff understands that the City of Hemet is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is in the process of preparing a draft Environmental Impact Report. Because a final environmental document must be reviewed prior to taking a final action on your application for Certification and there is insufficient time to do so prior to our statutory time frame, your application is denied without prejudice.

Please understand that this denial without prejudice does not preclude future certification of this project once the issue identified above has been addressed. The submittal of a new application is not required to continue reviewing your request for Certification. Previously submitted materials need not be provided. Additional information may be requested in order to provide for a thorough review of your project. When submitting future materials related to this application, please reference the project name and file number shown in the subject line above.

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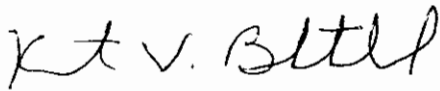
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Adam Fischer at (951) 320-6363 or via electronic mail at afischer@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



for Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

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